

Offertory: "To the Lamb on the Throne" Tune by Charles Wesley (1744)
music by Dan Forrest

Worthy The lamb. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name; the name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all. Worthy the Lamb. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have, the great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. Worthy the Lamb. Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks ever ceasing and infinite love. Worthy the Lamb.

Doxology UMH #94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:** – *Bell Worship Resources*

O God, you have shattered the grave and given us new life through your Son. With joyful hearts, we bring our gifts as signs of resurrection hope. Use them to proclaim your victory and to bless your world. In the name of the Risen Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** "Lift High the Cross" UMH# 159

Benediction

***Hallelujah Chorus:** G. F. Handel - Messiah
(Everyone is welcome to join in the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus." You may come forward during this hymn to stand with the choir in the chancel area. Upon leaving the sanctuary, please return the music by placing them in the special designated baskets by the exits. Thank you.)

Postlude: "Toccata in G Major" Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

We thankful those who have participated in today's service including:

The Dance Movement Choir, Chapel Kids, Choristers and Friends celebrate Trinity's "Look Up" theme, With much gratitude and joy!

Accompanist: Dr. Christopher White

Acolytes: Meriel Everett, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Easter Plants Arranged by: Shonali Bhajjan, the Calhoun family and volunteers

Brass Quartet: Vincent Cassotta, Mike Ferrigno, Pat Lennon, Mitchum Mangan

No Coffee Hour due to the Easter Breakfast.

Liturgist: Lisa Bakowski

Timpani: Kevin Barker

Trinity's Dance Movement Choir, Choreographed by Amelia Hays-Rivest

Ushers: Matthew Connelly and Fred & Hope Lewis

Video Team: Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please silence your electronic devices before the service.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Items in bold are read in unison. *Items italicized are sung by the choir.*

We are worshiping using this liturgy and the red songbook; The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH).

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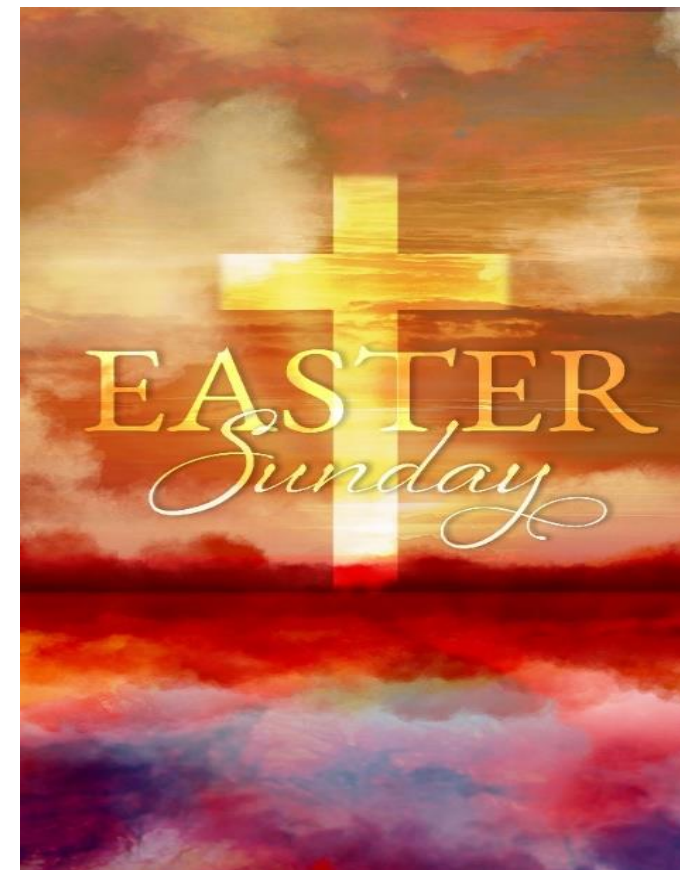
Bishop, Thomas J. Bickerton

District Superintendent, Rev. Megan Stowe

Minister, Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

Director of Family Ministries & Connections, Rob Powell

Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern



Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

10:30 a.m.

“When you forget your true identity as a beloved child of God, you lose your way in life.”

– Henri Nouwen, Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: Be Not Afraid

Welcome

Prelude:

“Joyful Celebration”

Sharon Elliot Cheek

Introit:

“Sing Alleluia”

Words and Music by Sue Ellen Page

People all come sing and shout; God is with us dwelling. Spread the joyful news about; sing with voices swelling. Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia; Raise your voices, shout with joy, sing praise to God, the Savior.

*Call to Worship: – Ministry Matters ~ Nancy Townley 2025

Leader: Don’t weep! Don’t mourn! There is great Good News!

People: Christ the Lord is risen today!

Leader: Put away your garments of mourning; let the light of God’s love flood into your lives.

People: Christ the Lord is risen today!

Leader: No more do we have to fear the darkness; it has been overcome by God’s light.

People: Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia!

*Hymn:

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

(vv.1-4) UMH#302

*Unison Prayer: – Insight Worship Resources

Holy God, let us be faithful witnesses to the power of your love. Let our lives mirror hope in the midst of despair, let our deeds be filled with compassion in a world of bruising indifference, let our words be truthful when misinformation holds center stage, let our forgiveness build new bridges of reconciliation. Let Easter joy linger in our hearts and fill us with courage and hope. Amen.

*Response:

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”

(vv. 1 & 3) UMH# 311

Verse 1: Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Verse 3: Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Anthem:

“God’s Right Hand and Holy Arm”

Psalm 98:1b, Romans 6:9-10, Luke 24:5-6, I Corinthians 15:55-56, Music by K. Lee Scott

Refrain: God’s right hand and holy arm have won the victory, God’s right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

1. Christ being raised from the dead shall die no more. Death has no power over Him, He lives to God.

Refrain

2. Why seek the living now among the dead? Recall His promise unto you; He lives again.

Refrain

3. Gone is death’s victory, gone is death’s sting, God gives to us the victory through Christ our Lord.

Refrain

4. Christ being raised from the dead shall die no more. Death has no power over Him, He lives to God.

Refrain

*Passing the Peace of Christ

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT’S WORD TO US

Children’s Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering of Movement & Dance:

“Light Arising”

H. Win

*Hymn:

“Thine Be the Glory”

UMH# 308

(Please note: no Chapel Kids on Easter Sunday.)

New Testament Scripture Reading:

John 20: 1-18 (NRSV)

p. 108

Response to the Word:

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection:

“There You Will See Him”

Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – Discipleship Ministries

God of New Beginnings, you roll away more than stones. You roll away despair and doubt, fear and failure. On this Resurrection morning, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the new life we have found in Christ. Let these offerings be signs of our commitment to live differently -- eyes open, hearts awakened, hands ready to serve. **Amen.**